

SENATORS LINE UP IN FIGHT FOR EMPLOYEES

Members of Upper House of Congress See Imperative Need of Increases.

While the Senate these days is concentrating most of its energies to consideration of prohibition and suffrage, a large percentage of the members are anticipating the receipt of legislation from the House for increasing the salaries of government employees. Senators who knew little or nothing of conditions among the Federal employees and the steps proposed for their aid a month ago, today are not only conversant with the facts brought out in the campaign of The Washington Herald by the House committee, but are making a deep study of the problem with a view to taking intelligent action when the upper chamber tackles the problem.

Senators are almost a unit in believing a revision of the salaries paid government employees is necessary, but there is some difference of opinion as to the best means of accomplishing this end. The Nolan bill, providing for a minimum wage of \$3 a day for all employees or payment on a \$5-a-day scale for those employees working only part of each day, is the measure which so far seems to have commended itself most strongly to Senators who have investigated the matter.

The Byrns proposal also meets with the favor of a number of Senators.

Cap. Reply on Shields.

Senator Shields, of Tennessee, is one of the members in the Upper House upon whom advocates of increased pay for government employees can rely to the utmost when the Senate reaches consideration of the matter. While Senator Shields has as yet reached no decision as to just what should be done, he indicated yesterday that any measure calling for a fair and equitable adjustment of salaries would have his support.

"I am firmly convinced that the majority of government employees are underpaid," the Senator said. "I have not investigated the matter fully and am not conversant with all the remedial legislation offered, but am led to believe that the Nolan bill or a similar measure will have my hearty support."

"The recent disclosures anent the higher cost of living make it apparent that wages based on the exigencies of another period cannot be fair or just and that the example set by big corporations in increasing the pay of their employees must be followed by the United States government."

"What I am told about the wages paid chamber women and other workers who get paid by the hour convinces me that the system is radically wrong with the system, and that some steps must be taken at once to remedy it."

Senator Weeks Friendly.

Senator Weeks will be found on the side of increased salaries when the question is threshed out. While declining to give details, Senator Weeks said yesterday that he was convinced many of the government employees were underpaid.

"You will find me in favor of a comprehensive revision of government salaries," declared Senator Weeks. "I am not sufficiently familiar with the matter at the present time to say just what steps I would advocate, but feel certain some steps should be taken to meet the increased cost of living."

Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, expressed himself in vigorous terms regarding the matter of increased pay for government clerks and Senator Underwood is firmly convinced that some revision of salaries is necessary in the near future. Senator Underwood indicated that he would study the matter extensively before making any recommendations.

"But you may say that I favor increased salaries for many of the government employees," he added.

Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, is sure that some action should be taken to alleviate the struggle of the government clerks. He says the revision of salaries should be taken up.

Senator Chamberlain and Senator Smith, of Maryland, are in favor of increased salaries, and when the matter is taken up in the Senate, it is believed likely the former will be instrumental in getting consideration for one of the remedial measures.

Y. W. C. A. DIRECTORS WILL RAISE FUND

The board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association are considering plans to raise money to facilitate the work of construction of the new building to be erected at a cost of \$350,000 at Thirteenth and I streets northwest. The new building will have a one-hundred room dormitory—last night the symposium class held a frolic. Members dressed like Christmas dolls and played "shop." Tonight the secretaries have their annual party and entertainment.

Library of Congress Employees Thank Herald

Editor The Washington Herald: The members of the Library of Congress branch of the Federal Employees' Union, No. 14632, wish to express to the management of The Washington Herald their high appreciation of the valuable service rendered by The Washington Herald in giving publicity to the affairs of the Union and in forwarding the efforts to obtain better salaries for the employees of the government. Respectfully,

WM. A. MILLER,
JOHN A. DORNEY,
ROY GILDER,
Committee.

D. C. MESSENGER BOY PAINTS DARK PICTURE

Matrimony Out of Question for Workers Paid Only \$480.

One of the messenger boys in the District Building sends this plea against a 10 per cent increase on \$480 a year, declaring the low salaries paid by the District discourage matrimony.

Editor The Washington Herald—I have been reading with great interest your columns of salary raises proposed for government employees, but always read about the \$720 party who can't do this or can't do that. Why not come a little lower? Come down to the salary of some of the messenger boys of the District (appointed from the District) who are getting only \$360 or \$480 per annum. I am one of the \$480 ones myself, having received only one promotion in over three years of service in this great government. It may be good enough for those who are not absolutely forced to go to work, but how about those who must help to take care of the family, not having a father to do so?

You start at \$360 or \$480 per annum. If you start at \$360 per annum you may go to \$480, and there you stay. When I entered the service in 1912 I was shot full of stories of rapid promotion in both grade and salary. Believe me, I have received one great promotion in this time—\$10 per month. Isn't it wonderful?

There is this talk about getting married and increasing the population. How are you going to get married when you can't get enough money to look out for your own responsibilities, without looking for a mate to take care of? Now, what would the 10 per cent increase amount to for me? A mere \$4 per month—as bad as nothing at all.

There are other things that I could tell how the Nolan bill would be a Godsend to me and many others. But what good would it do to go and tell your pitiful story and be laughed at? I have told it before, and was told that nothing could be done, and no effort made to do anything. Do you call that justice? Get you into the service, that is all that they care for. It doesn't matter what becomes of you after that, so long as you do what you are told to do and no questions asked. No matter whether you are in the right or wrong, you are given no chance to defend yourself against the charges.

Hoping that you will publish this so as to show the there are others in need besides the \$720, \$340, \$500 and \$1,000 men, and the higher ones, I will thank you in advance for the space that this will take in your most valuable paper.

A MESSENGER.

SEES QUART OF BEANS DAILY IN PAY RAISE

U. S. Employee Getting \$480 comments on Proposed 10 Per Cent Increase.

One government employee has reduced the proposed 10 per cent increase in compensation to employees of the \$480 grade to its purchasing power in food at present market prices, and gives, as the result, an increase that amounts to a quart of beans a day. His letter follows:

Editor The Washington Herald: I am one of the \$480 government employees and read your paper every day for information about the salary increase for the government men. I see by the papers that Congress is going to give us a 10 per cent increase. In my case that amounts to \$48 a year, \$4 a month, or about \$1 a week.

Now, when Congress raised its own salaries, one of the Representatives said they gave themselves 50 per cent. That is pretty good and they may be worth it. But why not give us, not 50 per cent, but a decent raise? How about it? I figure the raise that will get me amount to a quart of beans a day at present prices. That helps some, but more is needed.

Special House Rule to Pass Salary-Increase Provisions

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an issue. I am in full sympathy with other salary increase bills, but in justice to myself and those who are interested in my bill, I must give it preferred support."

At the conference a plan was agreed to but nothing definite will be determined until the labor leaders have conferred with Chairman Fitzgerald and members of the Committee of Rules to find out sentiment on having the scope of the rule broadened to admit other amendments.

Members of the police association have completed a draft of the increase of salary bill they propose to introduce next week and have submitted it to Major Pullman and the District Commissioners. Besides reducing the number of years private must serve to obtain the maximum salary and providing greater increases, it carries an item fixing \$3.50 as the salary for details outside working hours.

Senator Pomerene yesterday introduced in the Senate, the draft of the retirement legislation which the House passed in the District. This bill prepared with the assistance of actuaries of insurance companies, in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Efficiency provides for teachers pensions under a contributory plan. The amount which the teachers will contribute varies from a minimum of 2 per cent to 8 per cent a month, contingent upon the length of service and the amount of pension granted.

The bill has the support of the Teachers' Association and perfects the draft of a similar bill introduced in the last session.

In connection with the increase for postoffice employees, members of Congress have been flooded with petitions from all parts of the country from clerks in the services. Fifteen of these petitions were filed with the Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads yesterday.

The petitions of the Federal Employees' Union now being circulated, urging President Wilson to make a recommendation to Congress for increase, are being filed rapidly and the union officials reported yesterday that already 15,000 signatures have been obtained.

The increasing interest in the big mass meeting for higher salaries reached the point last night that the labor conference must serve to obtain the maximum salary and decided to hire the largest hall in the city.

Plans for the mass meeting at National Rifles Armory were called off temporarily, as was the mass meeting of the School Teachers' Union Tuesday night in the New Central High School.

In place of these meetings there will be one central mass meeting at Convention Hall, which the labor leaders declare will be the largest meeting ever held in Washington, judging from the interest displayed by the employees.

This meeting will be held on Monday night if the hall is available, if not on the first available date next week. President Gompers last night appointed committees to arrange the details.

The government of Chile has authorized the election of a technical industrial school.

If Representatives really understood the amount of work we must do at home to maintain our efficiency, I am confident that they would see the justice of giving us a reasonable advance in pay, considering the expenses of today.

I beg to thank you for your good work in our behalf.

A POSTAL CLERK.

Purely Personal

H. P. Derich, of Goldsboro, N. C., is in Washington for several days.

Mrs. Lillie E. Evebeck, of Winthrop, Mass., is stopping at Hotel Harrington for several days.

T. J. Shea, of Portland, Oreg., is in Washington for several days, making the National Hotel his headquarters.

John S. Hunter, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is staying at Hotel Driscoll.

Charles Peterkin, of Boston, is on a visit to Washington. He is staying at Congress Hall Hotel.

William Cullen Dennis left yesterday for Philadelphia to attend the December meeting of the board of directors and the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Bryn Mawr College.

Mrs. B. F. Browne, of Front Royal, Va., is in Washington for a visit and is at the Shoreham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McClanahan, of San Francisco, while visiting in Washington are stopping at the Shoreham.

Dr. C. C. Brockey has returned to Washington from an extended vacation.

James E. Veatch, of the presswork division, Government Printing Office, who was painfully injured some weeks ago, has reported for duty.

Manley Champlin, of Brookings, N. Dak., is visiting in this city.

P. W. Minnick, of Personal Income Tax Division, Internal Revenue Bureau, has been detailed to service at the White House.

Mrs. Martha Gray has left Washington on a three weeks' vacation.

John B. Barrett has been transferred from the Navy Department to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

P. E. Siggers, of this city, has been married to Miss Florence Colling, of Caro, Mich.

Miss Louise Cutts Powell will lecture tonight at the Portland Hotel on "Fate and Destiny Law."

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41 HOURS' DUTY TOUR FOR ASYLUM EMPLOYEE

Correspondent Urges that Hospital Conditions Should Be Investigated.

Continuous duty of forty-one hours without relief is described as existing at the Government Hospital for the Insane in the following letter.

Editor, The Washington Herald: Being a regular reader of The Washington Herald, I am taking an interest in the fight for better pay and shorter hours in the government employ. I certainly think if any of the employees need improvement it is the underpaid, overworked employees of the Government Hospital for the Insane who look out for the insane of the institution.

We have read of the Howard hall men and the long hours they have to serve, but find that men in other parts of the institution must spend even more time day from 10 at night until relieved, spending forty-one hours on duty, the whole time off amounting to but five hours, and then returning to forty-one hours.

An investigation into the hours of duty and pay received at the institution might be beneficial.

I am not an employee there, but I have friends who are, and I think it but simple justice that the working conditions should be called to the attention of Congress.

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UNCLE SAM IS BARRING DOOR TO SANTA CLAUS

Government Employee Tells How Salary Fails at Christmas Time.

A home that Santa Claus will not visit unless the present Congress grants an increase in salary is described in the following letter:

Editor, The Washington Herald: "We get a little, but not much according to your paper yesterday. I have been in the government service for twelve years and I consider The Washington Herald an emissary from God in the work that it is doing."

"I wonder if members of Congress ever have to measure out each five cent piece before they spend it? Well, that is what I have to do. I have a family of six children. I am trying to educate and bring them up so that they will be able to earn a little bit more than their father. My wife and I struggle and save to the last penny in order to give them the benefits which we never have been able to receive."

"Now, four of my little ones believe in Santa Claus. They have already written asking what they hope Santa will give them. I have read their letters and tears came to my eyes because I knew I never would be able to buy the things that they want. But I have never lost my faith in God. I still believe some day, he will move the members of Congress to give us at least a living wage."

"The Washington Herald has been doing splendid work. We have nobody to speak for us except big newspapers, and it is hard to get them interested. Keep up your work for the poor government employee."

"I know that we appreciate it and read it every day."

DR. M'KIM COMMENTS PAY INCREASE EFFORT

Rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church Says U. S. Employees Deserve Raise.

Dr. Randolph McKim, rector of the Epiphany Episcopal church, is numbered among the earnest advocates of an adequate general increase in the compensation of all the lower grade government employees.

"An increase is but just and right under the present living conditions in Washington," he said. "While some pastors do not like the publicity which connection with such a movement involves, I am certain that every clergyman who is familiar with the conditions under which the poorer paid government employees are living must support the plan for higher wages as commendable."

"This is something to enhance the general good of the entire community and it deserves assistance. There is a growing call for an increase for the teachers as it is voiced everywhere. Other employees in the government and District service are equally deserving of consideration from Congress."

"I hope the movement will succeed and I am certain that publicity, when it is of the right kind, assists materially and should be encouraged."

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A monument to Matthew Fontaine Maury, of Virginia, eminent as a geographer, meteorologist, and discoverer of laws governing the wind, current and routes of the ocean, is to be erected in Washington at a cost of \$30,000.

Senator Martin's bill for the monument was adopted yesterday.

The design must be approved by the Fine Arts Commission and the monument raised on a public reservation in the Capital.

One line of lake steamers, with headquarters in Detroit, Mich., still cling to the old method of carrying pigeons on its boats, with which to communicate with the shore instead of using the wireless.

SENATE GETS MEASURE FOR U. S. PHONE LINES

The Lewis bill providing for acquisition and operation of public telephone lines in the District by the Postoffice Department was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Pomerene, of Ohio. The only difference in the bills is the Mr. Pomerene provides that stock holders of the telephone company shall be paid for the property at a valuation fixed by the public utilities commission under certain restrictions. The two bills will be pushed on both sides of the Capitol.

Several French lighthouses have been equipped with lenses that enable their lights to be seen fifty or sixty miles at sea.

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